

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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 Title : METHOD FOR SOFT TISSUE RECONSTRUCTION

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 Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification:

Please insert at the beginning of the specification -- "This application is a continuation of co-pending application Serial Number 08/801,240 filed on February 19, 1997, which is a continuation of application Serial Number 08/614,904 filed on March 13, 1996, now abandoned, which is a continuation of application Serial Number 08/378,246 filed on January 24, 1995, now abandoned.--

Page 8, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following paragraph:

--Fig. 11 is an enlarged view of the portion of Fig. 10 enclosed by the circle in dashed lines.--

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